

Minutes of the Chicopee Retirement Board monthly meeting held on September 23, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditor's Conference Room, 3rd floor, City Hall.

Present: Members : Ference, Boronski, Riley & O'Shea

Absent: Member: Mailhott

The Chairman called the Regular Meeting to Order at 8:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Ference and seconded by Ms. Boronski to accept and approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the August 26, 2021. The minutes will be placed on file. ALL IN FAVOR.

A motion was made by Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Ference to approve the monthly expense warrant #09232021, a transfer/refund warrant #09242021 and pension payroll #08312021 . ALL IN FAVOR.

Executive Session -

A motion was made by Ms. Boronski and seconded by Mr. Ference to enter into Executive Session at 8:35 a.m. as per M.G.L. Chapter 30A Section 21 for the purpose of discussing a Medical Panel Review. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Ference "yes", Ms. Boronski "yes", Ms. Riley "yes" and Mr. O'Shea "yes".

The Board will then reconvene in open session once this meeting is concluded.

Executive session concluded at 8:40 a.m.

The Chairman called the regular meeting to order at 8:42 a.m.

Accidental Disability -

Jebb, William – Police Department – Police Chief – has applied for an Accidental Disability Retirement under the Heart Law – M.G.L. Chapter 32 Section 94. The board needs to review the findings and decide if they wish to approve this application and submit the necessary paperwork to PERAC for their approval.

After a discussion a motion was made by Ms. Boronski and seconded by Mr. Ference to accept the Medical Panel Findings and approve Chief Jebb's Accidental Disability Retirement under the Heart Law. All necessary paperwork will be forwarded to PERAC for their final approval. ALL IN FAVOR.

The Board Members will be notified when they need to enter into PROSPER to confirm their vote on this application.

The following people applied for membership in the system according to statute:

1. Nicole M. Nai – School – Group #1
2. Megan Leborgne – HR – Group #1
3. Rachel A. Beaulieu – Mayor – Group #1
4. Mark Morin – City Hall Maintenance – Group #1
5. Christian Haley – Fire – Group #4
6. Julie Nadeau – School - Group #1
7. Antonio Cataflamo – COA – Group #1
8. Yadira Fonseca-Colon – School – Group #1
9. Sheila Nelson-Guyette – School – Group #1
10. Edward Kalafarski – School – Group #1
11. Gaston Drouin – Building Department – Group #1
12. Lynn Davignon – School – Group #1
13. Sarah Gervais – School -- Group #1
14. Erika Deprey – School – Group #1
15. James M. Doherty – School – Group #1
16. Christina Young – School -- Group #1
17. Rebekah DellaPenna – School – Group #1
18. Jennifer Holmes – School – Group #1
19. Maryann Keating – School – Group #1
20. Ashley Fagan – School – Group #1
21. Katherine Fontes – School - Group #1
22. Agnieszka Fortuna – School – Group #1
23. Giselle Wawrznyak – School – Group #1
24. Nicole Molnar – School – Group #1
25. Felicita Nieves – School – Group #1
26. David Laverdiere – School – Group #1
27. Mayyadah Jaafar – School – Group #1
28. Nicholas Suglia – School – Group #1
29. Alisa Houle – School – Group #1
30. Cheyenne Bates – School – Group #1
31. Nathalie Pendrick – School – Group #1
32. Jonathan Russell – School – Group #1
33. Shelly Tomlinson – School – Group #1
34. Victoria Bosak – School – Group #1
35. Kim Litchfield – School – Group #1
36. Lucille Sligo – School – Group #1
37. David Laverdiere – School – Group #1
38. LaFlamme, Ryan – Police – Group #4

A motion was made by Ms. Boronski and seconded by Ms. Riley to approve the above mentioned individuals for membership into the System. ALL IN FAVOR.

The following people applied for Superannuation Retirement according to statute:

Despard, Joanne M. – School Department – Paraprofessional wishes to retire on September 24, 2021 with 10 years and 1 month of creditable service.

O'Shea, John F., Police Department -- Patrolman -- wishes to retire on November 14, 2021 with 32 years of service.

Rollend, Peter -- School Department -- AFTROTC Instructor -- wishes to retire November 30, 2021 with 27 years and 3 months of service.

A motion was made by Mr. Ference and seconded by Ms. Boronski to approve the retirement applications. ALL IN FAVOR.

The following retirement calculations have been prepared for the Board's approval according to statute:

Guertin, Ann Marie -- School Department -- Office Assistant -- retired September 10, 2021 - \$13,681.08 per year.

Vitorino, Karen -- School Department -- Paraprofessional -- retired September 3, 2021 - \$5,705.52 per year.

Wojcik, Marjorie -- School Department -- School Committee Member -- retired September 1, 2021 - \$4972.68 per year.

Accidental Disabilities Calculations approved by PERAC:

Hamm, Frank -- Fire Department -- Fire Apparatus Technician -- retired December 6, 2019 - \$43,653.72 per year.

Mead, Scott -- Water Department -- Working Foreman -- retired November 29, 2019 - \$39,336.84 per year.

Myers, Frank -- DPW -- Working Heavy Duty Equipment Foreman -- retired December 18, 2020 - \$40,654.80 per year.

A motion was made by Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Ference to approve the retirement calculation. ALL IN FAVOR.

The following retirement re-calculations have been prepared for the Board's approval according to statute:

Cloutier, Donna -- School Department, Paraprofessional -- retired June 21, 2021 - \$15,422.52 per year.

McQuaid, Francis -- Police Department -- Patrolman -- retired as of July 23, 2021 - \$46,629.24

per month.

Quesnel, George – Chicopee Housing Authority – Mechanic Aide – retired May 24, 2021 - \$26,000.28 per year.

Slapski, William – Building Department – Electrical Inspector – retired July 9, 2021 - \$10,619.64 per year.

A motion was made by Ms. Boronski and seconded by Mr. Ference to approve the retirement re-calculations. ALL IN FAVOR.

The following transfer has been prepared for the Board's approval according to statute:

Garcia, Edwin – Library – Jr. Building Custodian – transferred to the State Board of Retirement - \$7,688.15.

After a discussion a motion was made by Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Ference to approve the above mentioned transfer. ALL IN FAVOR.

The following refunds have been prepared for the Board's approval according to statute:

Kowalik, Teresa – School Department – Paraprofessional – retired – August 11, 2020 - \$628.06 (workers compensation deductions).

Rivas, Jessica – Human Resource Department – HR Generalist – terminated on June 28, 2021 - \$14,954.77.

Wroth, Haley – School Department – Paraprofessional – resigned September 18, 2019 - \$8,140.09.

After a discussion a motion was made by Mr. Ference and seconded by Ms. Boronski to approve the above mentioned refunds. ALL IN FAVOR.

Survivor Benefits

Krupa, Edward R. – retired from the Fire Department in March of 1992 under Superannuation Option C with 34 years of service passed away on August 20, 2021 – his spouse, will receive his Option C survivor benefits.

Motion was made by Ms. Boronski and seconded Ms. Riley to approve the Survivor Option C Benefits. ALL IN FAVOR.

Survivor Benefits - Disability

Mortell, John W, Jr. retired from the Sanitation/Recycling Department under Accidental Disability Option B on August 1, 1988, passed away on August 7, 2021. Due to the fact that he did not pass away due to his disability his spouse is entitled to Section 101 Benefits - \$750.00 per month/\$9,000.00 per year.

Motion was made by Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Ference to approve the Survivor Disability Benefits under MGL Chapter 32, Section 101. ALL IN FAVOR.

90A's & 90C's – The Board was presented with a schedule of monies showing increases to the different unions regarding the 90A's and 90C's effective July 1, 2021.

After a discussion a motion was made by Ms. Boronski and seconded by Mr. Ference to table this until the other Unions will settle their contracts and we will have a more updated list of monies that will be needed. ALL IN FAVOR.

Staff Contracts – enclosed in this packet is a copy of an "Employment Terms & Conditions" agreement for the Chicopee Retirement Board staff. This Agreement will take the place of a contract and will not need to be renewed.

After a discussion of this information a motion was made by Ms. Boronski and seconded by Mr. Ference to have the Chairman, Board Member Riley (as the City's Auditor) and Attorney Sacco sign this agreement and place a copy of each in the employees files as they will become effective once this vote has been taken. ALL IN FAVOR.

Staff Update: - The Board received a letter from Kari Santos, Administrative Assistant stating that she is resigning from her position as of October 5, 2021. The Director will have the Human Resource Department post this position internally and on the City's webpage. We will also post this position on PERAC's webpage.

2022 Board Meeting Dates: the following is a list of Board Meeting Dates for 2022 - please review them to see if everyone agrees with the dates:

January 27, 2022
February 16, 2021 (Wednesday)
March 24, 2022
April 28, 2022
May 26, 2022
June 23, 2022
July 23, 2022
August 25, 2022

September 23, 2021

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September 22, 2022
October 27, 2022
November 17, 2022
December 15, 2022

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ to accept the above schedule for 2022 Board meeting dates. ALL IN FAVOR.

Upcoming Board Meetings

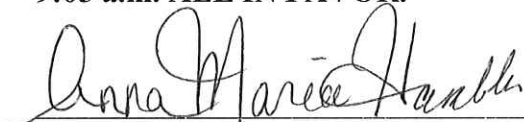
**October 28, 2021, **November 18, 2021 and December 16, 2021

** denotes when an investment manager will be in attendance.

REPORTS AND NOTICES:

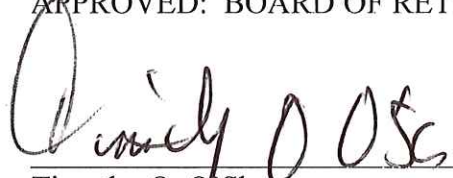
Cash Books -- June

A motion was made by Ms. Riley and seconded by Mr. Ference to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 a.m. ALL IN FAVOR.

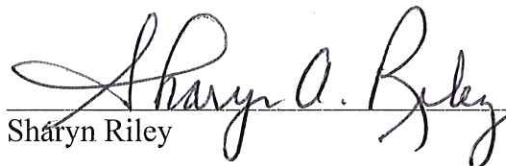


Anna Maria Hamblin, Executive Director

APPROVED: BOARD OF RETIREMENT



Timothy O. O'Shea



Sharyn Riley



Debra Boronski



David Ference